

Table S1. Differentiation of DNA modifications, epigenetic mark vs. DNA damage

	Epigenetic marks			DNA damage			
	General	Methyl- cytosine	Youth-DNA- GAP	General	Methyl- cytosine	8-OHdG	Pathologic DSB
Source/cause	Cellular enzyme	DNMTs	HMGB1	Environ- mental hazard	Methylatin g agents	Oxidative stress	Radiation, conversion of SSB during DNA replication
Function/Effect	Physiologic functions	Gene control, genomic stability	DNA protection	Promote DDR, halt cell proliferation, and hasten senescence, cell death, mutation, and cancer.			
Associated proteins	Producers and maintenanc es	DNMTs and methylation- associated proteins	SIRT1	DNA repair proteins and DNA repair-associated proteins			
Presentation/location	Depend on cause, function, and cell types	Gene promoter or intersperse repetitive sequence & heterochrom atin	Human – methylated DNA & deacetylated histone Yeast – sequence specific DNA	Depend on DNA environment, types of DNA damage, and repair. Mostly random. Generally, immediately repaired.			
DNA detection	Presentation and genomic distribution based on experimental conditions						